Attractive pay and perks for armed forces

*539. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of personnel leave armed forces mainly due to inadequate pay and perks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government to offer a more attractive pay and perks to armed forces personnel down from the soldiers to senior officers level?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) There is no large departure of officers from the Defence Forces. Defence personnel leave service on account of various reasons. Defence Forces personnel are allowed to leave service on account of various reasons like supersession, extreme compassionate grounds, low medical category, failure to acquire minimum educational qualification, etc. However, these cases are examined on case to case basis subject to the exigencies of service. The number of officers who applied for premature retirement/resignation and the number of officers who were permitted to leave service due to various reasons during the last 5 years (2003-2007) is given below:

Army		Air Force		Navy	
Applied	Released	Applied	Released	Applied	Released
3474	2076	1269	793	954	780

The pay, allowances and other benefits admissible to the Defence Forces personnel are as per Government orders issued from time to time. These are also examined by the Central Pay Commissions set up by the Government. Improvement of service conditions, pay and allowances of Defence Service personnel is a continuous exercise.

Implementation of flood management plan by NDMA

*540. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is staffed with professionally trained personnel to ensure effective implementation of the 13-point plan for flood management; and

(b) whether there is provision for periodic monitoring mechanism to check the preparedness, prior identification of the source of supply of equipment for prior warning, actual handling of flood control activities, relief measures and association with the NGOs, at the nodal district level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) gets professional/expert inputs by engaging consultants/specialists as well as by holding meetings with experts from other Ministries/Departments and Government/Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) etc.